



Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 15 and 16 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) Materials comprising ~~organic~~ groups containing sulphur and phosphorous bonded together by a hydrocarbon chain and bonded via phosphorous and oxygen atoms to a mineral oxide of one or more elements M, said materials being characterized in that they comprise M-O-M' bonds, M' representing an element of a mineral oxide identical to or different from M, in that the ratio of said element M to the phosphorous is about 0.5:1 to about 500:1, and in that each phosphorous atom of the phosphorous-containing groups forms at least one P-O-M bond and/or P-O-M' bond.

15. (Amended) Materials according to claim 1, in which the ~~organic~~ sulphur-containing group is selected from thiol groups and their derivatives or from acid sulphonic groups and their derivatives.

16. (Amended) Materials according to claim 14, in which the ~~organic~~ sulphur-containing group is selected from thiol groups and their derivatives or from acid sulphonic groups and their derivatives.